

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What examination must I complete in South Carolina?

A. Candidates for certification as a soil classifier-in-training must successfully complete the Fundamentals of Soil Science Examination, written by CSSE and administered through the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA).

Candidates for licensure must successfully complete the Fundamentals of Soil Science and the Professional Practice of Soil Science Examination, written by CSSE and administered by SSSA.

The CSSE is offered at Clemson University twice a year, in March and November. Candidates may register for the exam by visiting <https://www.soils.org/certification/csse>.

The examination requirement may be waived for individuals that have successfully completed an exam in the Fundamentals and Professional Practice of soils in a jurisdiction with requirements substantially equivalent or more stringent than those of this State.

Q. When are license renewals?

A. Licenses are renewed biennially, on January 31 of odd years. Renewal notices with Usernames and Passwords to access the Online Renewal System will be mailed to active licensees in November of even years. **It is the responsibility of the individual to ensure their individual license is renewed by the January 31st deadline.** Renewals received February 1 – March 31 of odd years are subject to a \$40.00 late penalty fee. If a license is not renewed by March 31 of odd years, it will lapse.

Q. Is there a continuing education requirement for license renewals?

A. Licensees are required to report 30 hours of continuing education activities each biennial renewal period. Please visit the [Education](#) tab for details on the continuing education requirement.

Q. How can I apply for reinstatement of my license?

A. Licenses can only be reinstated during a period of three years after they lapse. To apply for reinstatement, complete the [Reinstatement Application](#) and submit it, along with the requested documentation, to the Council office. If the license has lapsed for more than three years, you must reapply for licensure and meet all requirements for initial licensure in the law.

Q. Who should I contact if I have questions about licensure or the program?

A. You can contact the Council office at (803) 896-4408 or at sherri.moorer@lir.sc.gov.